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BALLAD OF HOUSECLEANING. BY A VICTIM. Father out of temper. Mother tired and dusty,

Not a room to sit in. Children damp and musty; Colds and influenza. Ague and consumption; Father lost his temper, Mother lost her gumption Breakfast scorched and smoky, Dinner cold and scanty,

Supper, none to speak of In that wretched shanty. Floors with water reeking, Parlors damp and dreary; Everybody weary: Things in various places, Places all demolished, Everything chaotic-Order all abolished: Beds with rubbish littered. Sheets and pillows missing;

Lots of time for scrubbing-

Windows wide flung open, Kalsominers seven Scatter flakes of whitewash Like the snows of heaven; Plumbers at the basins Earning lots of money. Father mad as sixty, (Children think it funny;) Books in every corner Piled up helter-skelter;

Carpets shrunk and wrinkled, Vill not stretch or flatten: (Who on earth has sprinkled Whitewash on my satin?) Children damp and musty, Croupy in the morning. None to seek the doctor Bridget's given warning.

What a place for Christian

Bill for ripping carpets, Bill for soiling sofa. Bill for broken windows, Bill from every loafer; Bill for kalsomining Bill for Brussels carpet, Bill for carpet-lining; Bill for carpet-lining, Bill for scrubbing, cleaning, Washing, welting, soaking; Would that we could pay them By a wholesale choking!

Vaen this wild unmeaning Foolish work is ended-hen the ills of cleaning Are about suspended ome all bright and pretty, Every thing in order, Then we leave the city. Go and play the boarder; Leave our pretty mansion In the railway coaches, Water-bugs and roaches— Go and dwell in Jersey, Dine on pork and bacon, Feed the fierce mosquito.— With the chills all shaken.

In the fall, returning To our humble dwelling, Heart of wife is yearning— Yearning for another Spell of wild, unmeaning, Reckless, dreary, musty, Never-ending cleaning. Rip up every carpet! Yank down every curtain!

Earth there's none; 'tis certain' Father out of temper, Mother tired and dusty, Not a room to sit in, Children damp and musty: Colds and influenza. Ague and consumption, Haven't any gumption!

E. Frank Lintaber, in Puck.

HOW MARY CAME.

A True Love Story of the Old World and the New.

There was a larger crowd than usual around the railroad depot at Prairie City, Dakota, on July 12. It was an anniversary in the history of the place and the people were indulging in something of a celebration. Prairie City was one month old.

When the long mixed train, consisting of twenty-five or thirty freight cars and one passenger coach behind them, came deliberately in an hour behind time and steadily losing, the crowd had arranged itself into that attitude of easy grace peculiar to such assemblages. The majority were armed with large jack-knives and busily engaged in whittling pieces of pine split from the tered it and would not hear of pay. And agent alone. corners of the dry-goods boxes scattered about. Those not engaged in this occupation had their hands in their pockets and appeared to be deploring the fact that they could not do that and whittle at the same time. The July sun shone down fiercely of the depot building with surprising intensity. There was a light wind, but it was try and hot, and not the cool and refreshing breeze that was supposed to fan the cheek of the dweller in that region.

depot and took water. A brakeman got town on the platform and gossiped with the crowd, and the conductor went in and held a long, mysterious conference with the station agent, as was his wont each day. "Got s'more em'grants fer ye," said Three-fingered Jim, the head brakeman. "What be they!" asked Paddy O'Shaugh-

ing to the crowd.

"I expict," returned Paddy, with undisguised scorn.

"You shouldn't speak so slightin'ly of 'em," said Judge Wilkins, "they'll help derelop the country.

"Develop nothin'! W'y, they can't talk, san they, Jimmy?" "Naw. Green 'uns right from where they grow. Half a dozen Norwegians and Finlander. Yes, and I believe there's a

Denmarker, too," added Jim, meditatively. "Finlander, hey?" demanded Paddy, and he fairly groaned. "They're the worst he might buy more comforts on his long kind there be. They don't niver know nothin' at all. W'y, I seen 'em where they be's in this country years and they keeps sayin' 'who' whin they wants their oxen to stop. Ye all knows it," he added, appeal-

"I am not really particular how they in duce their oxen to stop if I can have the job of locating them on some land," said Law-

"O, yez thinks yez can make some money out of 'em," returned Paddy, derisively. "But they says 'who' to their oxen and I knows it," and he retired very much disgusted with a community that would not unanimously denounce a race guilty of such a heinous crime.

While this conversation was taking place the emigrants had been coming from the car up to the depot-the length of the train making it no inconsiderable walk. There were a dozen of them, all in their native dress and looking as picturesque as when they embarked at Christiana or Helsingfors. They all had the fair hair and complexions and blue eyes of the Scaudinavian. Most of the men were tall and well-proportioned, though some of them were short and thick-there seemed to be one standard size so far as width was concerned, and the man who unfortunately stopped growing at five feet was the same size other the children and numerous bundles. They wore small, bright-colored shawls on their heads and a long scarf around their shoulthe rear of the procession, keeping hold of hands and very close together, but they could not stare around with much greater curiosity than did their elders. They were dressed exactly like their fathers and mothers, and the fact that a girl wore a dress reaching almost to the ground, and a boy a great double-breasted vest with brass

were dressed comfortably. This was certainly have expected to encounter the icy fjords and snow-covered mountains of the old home near the arctic circle, and not the fervor of a mid-continent July day.

One of them, who kept a little apart from the rest, was especially fortified. His high boots reaching above the knee and laced from the ankle showed that he was the Finlander the brakeman had spoken ofwho had probably come to this country with the avewed purpose of using language to that! his oven that no American ox should hear. His head was covered with a large fur cap with immense flapping side-pieces designed to turn down and protect his ears. The hot wind was further defied by several gailycolored scarfs, one of them tied around his waist like a large sash, a double-breasted vest that must have been an heirloom, a sheepskin coat, the wool inside, together with the boots before referred to. He did not appear to be too warm, though it was remarked by the observant crowd on the

platform that he wasn't shivering. He was a tall, finely formed specimen of manhood, with honest, blue eyes and an intelligent expression. He appeared somewhat perplexed as he looked around. He as the Norwegian and Finnish language have but little in common. His inquiries in his native tongue of the platform crowd con-

"We buried the last wan of ye's peoples," said paddy, "an' we'll plant ye too 'fore ye knows it. "W'y don't you talk United States!"

asked another. "The fish-bones are sticking in his teeth

so he can't," put in a third. Then the crowd smiled at the surprising amount of humor it had developed, and Judge Wilkins pointed out the station agent to the bewildered Finlander. He presented a check and claimed a small wooden ironbound chest, painted a vivid red. The chest had heavy iron handles and an immense hand-made padlock. On one end of it was painted in curious-shaped white letters, "Petter Erik Petterson, Dakota, Prairie Citty, Nort Ammerika, New York." He carried a smaller chest in his hand bearing the same legend. It is supposed that the New York was added to identify North grandson's! America.

Petter, which he soon anglicized to Peter, shouldered his trunk and walked away, which act gave the crowd on the platform considerable respect for his strength, even if it retained its poor opinion of him as a linguist. He succeeded in finding a man grandfather, who lived up on the mountain, who could understand a few words of his language, who directed him towards a settlement of his people several miles from town, and he proceeded in that direction. still carrying his baggage-other people might trust their possessions out of their sight if they wished to, but not he.

But Peter had many things in view; he lage in which he lived and in the little val- grandfather. impossible to comprehend the amount. And they sent part of it back and repaid others tickets, and they had done the same, and gradually nearly the whole village had were rich and happy and every man as good

as every other man besides he had been working for three years to get money enough for this very purpose and he was a great traveler already, it was announced that the train would not

having been as far as Stockholm. So they all gave Peter something to help him on his way. The carpenter made his Peter's grandfather, Hendrick Antijuntti Petterson, who lived up on the mountain. took off his sheepskin coat which he had the very height of fashion, and put it on him with his blessing, explaining that as he and was reflected from the unpainted sides | understood it this place, America, was on the other side of the world and accordingly from this stand point, he found that Peter The locomotive stopped just beyond the season and a good sheepskin coat or two

would not come amiss. And as Peter trudged along he thought the little valley between the mountains when he thought of another. And her name was Mary. But though the thought of her seem lighter, and he went on towards the settlement all the faster. For Mary was the one above all others that he had come bright-colored sash he wore-sheared the sheep, carded and spun the wool, dyed the yarn and knit it, all with her own hands, as journey to far-off America! And above native valley to come to him. For it was understood that Mary was to be the first to come. All his friends agreed to that and wanted it to be so, and Peter felt so strong that it did not seem that it-would take him long to earn enough in this land of promise to send for her. So the picture remained before his eyes that bright day when he quay, waving a little yellow handkerchief at him as he went away from his native land to one in which he would be free and make a home for her. And as he went standing on the quay waving the yellow sparkled between them, and Mary and home were being left behind; but Mary would soon come and they would make a new home

in a new land. one or two of whom he had been slightly standstill the conductor was off and exwhose letters had led him to go where they were, rather than elsewhere. He staid ways as his six-foot companion. The with one family that night and sat up very well able to take care of themselves and had flocked in how matters had gone in their native land since they had left it.

Peter had trouble in finding work which would keep him employed all the time. ders and waists. The children brought up The country was so new that each farmer seemed able to do every thing necessary himself, so he soon saw that he could not hope to bring Mary over before another season and sorrowfully wrote her the fact. It seemed a long time to wait-a whole year, perhaps longer-but he kept up his courage, for he knew she would come some time. Her letters, which came at irregular

ABILENE REFLECTOR been something of a surprise to them. To inclosed a little mountain flower or pressed her words, and she said she felt better, moss from the old home and he showed it that she was only faint. She could not be of exaggeration it must be said that they proudly to his friends, and they looked at it moved to any more comfortable place while almost reverently and agreed that, although especially the case with the men, who must America was a great place, nothing grew yet boast a physician, so the agent went in it quite so lovely as the flowers and mosses from their old fatherland.

So the season wore along without much change till winter. Peter could hope for still less work during that season. But when spring came the prospect brightened. Work was more plentiful than during the summer before. It would be but a short time and he could send for Mary. How

would all be built of sod, too! For a sod | moaned, but they did not hear. house, Peter reasoned, was a palace if And when the people came the next you moved into it in the right spirit. So morning they found Mary still and pulsethere was no doubt that it would be a palace

the morning at one of the local steamship ticket agencies found wherever there is even a small per cent. of foreign population. He made his wants known in broken. but fairly good English, and soon had a ticket-aticket which he would send to Mary could not talk with the rest of the emigrants | and it would bring her away from the little village in the old world to a little village in the new where he would meet her. But it would be a long time yet before she would cerning the whereabouts of any of his reach there, for it was a long way-it was countrymen did not meet with the most about as near to go around the world one way as the other. Peter estimated, and he had traveled it and ought to to work and built the house and earned a surprising amount of money by working for the neighbors, and had the very best of good luck in every way. The house was gant in its appointments than he had dared to hope. He invited the neighbors to examine it-it was one of those residences that would bear inspection. Ah! if his tijuntti Petterson, who lived up on the mountain, if he could see it and tell if on his famous visit years ago to St. Peterscomfort and usefulness surpassed his

> So everything prospered with Peter, and at last a letter came saying that the ticket had reached the little village and had been duly inspected by every one living in it and the little valley as well, including the authorities and public officers, and even his and that they had all pronounced it correct thought it was perhaps just a trifle small for the very great distance; and that Mary would start in about a week and would sail away from the same little quay-sail away meet her Peter in America, as

she expressed it, and then she signed learned pigs exhibited at country had come to the new world to do a great her name down in the corner and fairs, although none have shown work, and he thought of it and it made his put in a little pale blue flower which she burden lighter. For Peter had come on a had plucked as she came down from the mission. Half the people in the little vil- | mountain after showing the ticket to his

friends, had contributed money to his own to Prairie City. Peter could scarcely reallittle-purse to make the sum sufficient to ize it. He was so very happy and he was buy the ticket to America. For they were soon to be so much happier. He had been the Thames. The next morning the aniall very poor and the steamship companies to see the minister, Rev. Hans Mustola mals were missing. A hue and cry was demanded a fabulous sum to carry one Mykkala, who lived over in another settleacross the ocean. But others had gone from | ment, and he was to come to the house of ther villages and had made such sums of Peter's friend and there was to be a grand money in the new world that it was almost | wedding the next day after she came and then they would go to live in that palace. part. They were afterward observed Ah! how surprised Mary would be to see so | trotting along the Pangbourne road and their indebtedness and enough more to buy | fine a residence built, all for her and her Peter!

He must visit every train now, so that he sailed away towards that land where all | would be sure to meet her. A passenger train now ran on that road, which reached Prairie City in the evening and that was farm-house whence they had been orig-So it was time that this village bestirred | the one she would come on. This train was | inally conveyed to Reading. The farmer itself and started for America also. And almost as reluctant as the "mixed" which Peter was selected because he was strong formerly ran, and it was seldom on time. and hardy and intelligent, and was bound | but Peter always waited till it came, and to be a great man some day anyhow. And drove back with his ox team. Over a week trived to make their escape, swimming had passed and still she had not come.

One evening there was a light rain and arrive till after midnight. At this the loungers who had strolled over to witness the exciting event of the arrival of a train | throats. It is well known that at prochest without charge and the painter let- went back and left Peter and the station- vincial regattas pigs have frequently

After an hour the rain ceased. This was not followed by a clear sky, but by preparations for the real storm of the night. It worn for sixty years, and which was just in grew very still, and as Peter paced the plat- cinctly, yet most comprehensively, form he could part of the time hear it roaring overhead, but not a breath could be felt. It was not and sultry. Flash after flash of that vivid lightning seen only on the great. had winter when Finland and Europe and open prairie followed in rapid succession. Asia were enjoying summer, and reckoning It was blinding in its brilliancy and ranged usual confinement prevent their imfrom blood-red to white. Much of it was so would reach there in the dead of the cold far away that the thunder could not be heard, but with nothing across the level plain to screen it from the eye it seemed almost as dazzling as if directly overhead. of all these, but he was only home-sick and | The great distance that it could be seen and wished himself back in the little village in consequently the wide expanse of the heavens visible caused the flashes to be were lit up and stood out away from the dark earth, and then a darkness followed which made Peter stop in his walk involunto America to work for. Mary had tarily, as if a great black pit had been given him more. She had made him the cal discharges were nearer and the thunder fairly shook the earth and the windows rattled and the lamp in the office flickered.

All this time the clouds were hurrying a surprise for him on the day he left. And this way and that, borne about by the winds had she not, too, offered to give him the high up in the heavens. Soon the wind little money she had earned tending the began to blow in little fitful gusts and then flock of goats for a wealthier neighbor, that | it became stronger and more steady. At last large drops of rain began to fall and falling rain and the roar of the wind, it was the depot to hear each other speak. Then the thunder and wind partially ceased and station close to the window so as to go out sailed away in a little fishing boat from the | the minute it arrived. He had been disapnearest seaport town to his own village, pointed a number of times, but each time again he thought of the house, and of the wedding to-morrow if she came, but more particularly of Mary herself. It almost handkerchief and the bright waters all and almost knew that she would come

this time. At last the train came and Peter and the agent went out. They noticed that it was | Telegraph. very short, the one passenger car was miss-Peter finally reached the settlement and ing and only the baggage car remained. was warmly welcomed by his countrymen, Before the abbreviated train came to a safely except the passenger car, which went

this time. which they sound the mercury must have before another came. And sometimes she eyes and spoke. Peter stooped to catch | Chicago Times.

the storm lasted Prairie City could not

away and left them And Peter sat by her side a long time before she spoke again. At last she opened her eyes and whispered:

"Peter, I have been a long time coming to "Yes, Mary, but you are here now." "I hope I can stay, Peter, I like it here." And she closed her eyes again, and Peter easy it was to work when he thought of buried his face in his hands and it seemed as if the light had almost gone out of his He had taken a claim, and before she life. He watched through the long hours, came he would have a house built on it but she did not seem to have strength which for elegance would rival any enough to speak again. And the rain beat thing in the whole settlement-and it against the window pane and the wind

less, and Peter kneeling on the floor with his head on her bosom; and he had gone to On the anniversary of the day that Peter | sleep there not to wake again, and with a arrived at Prairie City he appeared early in | tress of her flaxen hair pressed to his lips. And this is how Mary came to Prairie City, and how she and Peter went away

together .- Dakota Bell.

INTELLIGENT PIGS.

Well Authenticated Cases of Great Sagacity Displayed by Bright Porkers. Next to the donkey, there is no fourfooted creature that has been so maligned as piggy. Time and again he has shown himself to be a very clever and even sagacious beast. It is cruelly know-so she would not arrive till libelous to regard the pig as a stupid, some time in the fall. Peter went back | brutal, gluttonous and uncleanly quadruped, groveling and repulsive in all in temper. He may often seem to be even more sumptuous and really more ele- endowed with these disgraceful attributes, because, as a rule, there is nothing in the life of a pig in his domesticated state to call for any exercise of father and his mother could see what a his reasoning faculties. His sole busihouse he had built! And his brothers and ness is to eat, drink, sleep and get fat; sisters and his grandfather, Hendrick An- all his wants are anticipated and his mental horizon is bounded by the fence which guards his sty. When, however, burg he saw any houses which for real it is the interest or the whim of his possessor to teach the pig or to fondle him, he can be, without much difficulty, converted into a docile pupil and a highly pleasing pet. The original learned pig which was exhibited in Pall Mall nearly a hundred years ago had been taught to pick up letters written upon pieces of of cardboard at command and arrange so far as they knew, though his grandfather | them into words. This intelligent creature died in due course of nature, as all mortal swine must dc; but since 1789 there has never been a solution of continuity in the race of equal talent with the sage of Pall There is the well-known

Mall. case, too, of the gentleman reraised and information was brought across the river at nearly its broadest in one place where the road bifurcates they were seen putting their noses together as if in earnest consultation. Eventually they returned safely to the sent them back to the gentleman at Caversham, but again the animals conthe river as though they had been two dogs and thereby refuting the proverbial but slanderous imputation that pigs can not swim without cutting their taken prizes for feats in notation. The ingenious Dr. Erasmus Darwin, in his "Zoonomia," has, perhaps, most sucthe pig. "I have observed," he writes, "great sagacity in swine, but the short lives which we allow them and their provement, which would otherwise

probably equal that of the dog." There it is. The infelicitous piggy carries even in his babyhood, as it were, the word of doom, "thanatos" branded on his snout. In his sucking stage almost continuous. First the whole land. gourmands hunger for his flabby flesh scape for miles was lit up with a dazzling and yearn to see his yet tender pachymade him long to be back to his native light, which caused objects to take on a dermatous envelop scorched into crisp village it also made the iron-bound chest weird, strange appearance as if they alone crackling. His brain power has no time for development; since his cerebral organism is ruthlessly utilized as brain sauce, or if he be allowed a somewhat helped him more than all the rest-she had opened up at his feet. Part of the electri- longer span of life, he is dairy-fed only to be slaughtered and roasted with the accompaniments of sage and onions and

apple sauce. Pigs have been repeatedly known to attach themselves to individuals or to other animals and to show the greatest docility, gentleness and affection. Mr. the thunder came nearer and then the storm | Henderson, the writer of a well-known everything else, she had given him her love | burst and the rain fell in torrents. For an | work on swine, relates that he had a and was waiting back there in their little hour, between the crashing thunder, the young sow of a good breed so docile that she would suffer his youngest son, almost impossible for the two watchers in three years of age, to climb upon her back and ride her about for half an the storm settled into a long, steady raid, hour at a time and more. When she It was about this time that the headlight was tired of the sport she would lay of the train was seen and Peter took his herself down, carefully avoiding hurting her young jockey, who habitually shared his bread and meat with her. and of Mary, who had come across the helped the chances for the next, and it DeDieskau also cites the case of a wild mountain with him, standing there on the seemed as if she must come this time. And boar which he caught very young and helped the chances for the next, and it DeDieskau also cites the case of a wild which formed such an attachment to a young lady residing in the house that seemed as though he would know it if she he accompanied her wherever she went across the prairie, to him she was still was in the car before the train stopped. and slept upon her bed. This affection-And he grew very happy thinking about it ate creature fretted himself to death on account of a fox which had been taken into the house to be tamed.-London

Superstitious Chinamen.

back a few miles; that the track was par- division of the Northern Pacific rail- job that was put up on poor Oliver. tially washed out and the train went over road runs, because several Chinawomen appeared stout and healthy and late telling them and the neighbors who off and turned over in the ditch. The few men have been killed there. They think much more expansive treatment than passengers had been rescued and were in that it is inhabited by devils with strong we have accorded it here, but when in the baggage car. Anybody hurt! One anti-Chinese sentiments. Nine China- the course of ages it has a bibliography woman, some. But Peter was in the car by men were killed there some time ago by falling trees, and ten coffins were lying on a rude bed made on the floor with sent up. This was looked upon as a appreciated.—San Francisco Chronicle. blankets, and was deathly pale. He kneit bad omen by the Chinese and they were by her side, she looked up, perhaps she did very uneasy as long as the spare coffin not know him; yes, she did, she smiled lay around camp. It was not long till faintly but seemed dazed and confused. He touched his lips to her cheek and raised her and bore her through the storm into was shot. The Chinese thought that the depot, and made her as comfortable a this death had ben brought about in buttons on it, did not indicate that either was over six or seven years of age.

Judging from the dress of the whole party, the extremely elevated condition in party, the extremely elevated condition in the dress of the whole party, the extremely elevated condition in the dress of the whole party, the extremely elevated condition in the dress of the whole party, the extremely elevated condition in the dress of the whole time, and one was almost worn out by constant and the depot, and made her as comfortable a bed on one of the benches as possible. The train went on and she lay very still. The station agent offered his services, but there was nothing he could do. She opened her that the odd coffin might be filled, and they concluded to leave the place, and can not be induced to go back.—

AN ESSAY ON POCKETS. Oge Matter in Which Women Are Genera-

tions Behind the Stronger Sex. If the hat, as Holmes affirms, is the most vulnerable part of the artificial integument, then pockets may be denominated the most useful. They are so many invisible reticules, to whose from a toothpick to a loaf of bread Unassuming and retiring in its habits, miscellaneous and heterodox of treas-

Like all things else the pocket has gregational form of church government. been evolved, and has advanced to its present state of complexity from very rude beginnings. The genesis of the kneeling and dipping three times; hence pocket is probably to be found in the wallet or scrip of the ancients. When our ancestor conceived the idea of in- They have no paid ministry, but elect corporating the latter with the clothing, at that precise time was prefigured the possibilities and potentialities of modern

Unfortunately a literature of pockets does not exist, and in the absence of it we are left to conjecture as to their probable origin, illumined by no other ray than what our ingenuity supplies.

We can fancy the rapture felt by our primitive ancestor when his excursive fancy gave birth to the first pocket. its habits and intractable and obstinate vention to successive generations of unlike that of the Quaker, whom they mankind. When Newton discovered follow in their non-conformity to the the principle of gravity and Watt the properties of steam, each of them had posterity of their respective conceppocket, however, it is unlikely that any such prescient glimpse was permitted, and he probably lived and died in ignorance of the transcendant importance of his discovery. Society could get along very well without steam, and very well without gravity, yet while the names of the discoverers of these processes are clothed with immortality, that of the inventor of the pocket is unknown.

It must be obvious to every one that pockets are dependent for their number and complicity on the sartorial integument which renders them possible. Man is still many generations behind the kangaroo, for while the pouch of the marsupial is natural, in the case of the lend money at legal rates, but never primates it is artificial. Naturalists accept usury. Twice a year they celetell us that in the animal kingdom the brate the communion in connection wish to acquire any particular idiosyn- with the agapa, or love feast. Several crasy is the father of its development. | weeks before, visiting deacons go around As an instance of this, Mr. Wallace among the brethren to allay all dissenley in which the village nestled had given So Mary was coming to Prairie City so siding at Caversham, who, at Read- has made us acquainted with the sions and to get them in a state of comsomething toward his coming. His father soon! Yes, in a week, perhaps sooner, ing market bought two pigs, which habits of certain butterflies, who, wishand brothers and sisters and many of his perhaps a little longer, and she would come were conveyed to his house in a sack ing to be mistaken for leaves, in the the solemn feast. They also salute one and turned into a yard on the bank of process of time, come to acquire the another with the kiss of charity, anoint coveted trait, to such happy purpose the sick with oil for recovery, and that even the birds who prey on them wash one another's feet. This last are deluded by the resemblance. So practice they follow as a Christian orthat two pigs had been seen swimming with pockets, we may reason that what linance. On these occasions the men man now imitates artificially, he will and women are arranged on opposite in the course of ages come to possess sides, on benches, in their bare feet. naturally, and emerge from his present | Iwo men with aprons and towels move chrysalis and imperfect state a full along the row on the men's side, and

blown marsupial. Having considered the pocket in its strictly scientific aspect, let us consider it in its social and general one. The importance of the pocket is best shown by the number of articles to which it has lent its name. There are pocket-books, and pocket-knives, and even pocket boroughs. The last twenty years has ment is administered. seen a wonderful development in these sack-like resources of civilization. The and a few of his neighbors. They soon hip pocket, with its beautiful crescent- increased in number, and several tion, rarely found out of the country of simple and impressive services were its origin. European natives are pro- held. Although leading peaceful and verbially slow to appreciate our harmless lives, they were persecuted by inventions, but in no instance is their | the State and were driven to seek refuge want of adaptability to occasion more in other lands. Many fled to Holland summed up the case for and against plainly shown than in the reluctant and the Duchy of Cleves. Whether they not only subserves a thousand purposes | first families arrived in 1719 and settled

of usefulness, but with its arc-shaped in Germantown. In 1733 a company of opening is positively a thing of beauty. | chem emigrated from Pennsylvania and kind, the worst calamity that can be- Maryland, where their numerous fall a man is for them to have holes. Ordinarily a most trustworthy and re- present day are proof abundant of liable repository, a pocket with a hole in it is more dangerous than a treacher- are in Washington County no less than ous friend. 'Tis a leak in the conduit fourteen ohhrches, with a considerable of marsupial energy, a menace to our membership. Those at Keedysville and solvency and a drain on our small Beaver Creek are the oldest in the change. Of all the Christian virtues county. The latest addition is the one with which pockets are associated, hope on East Washington street, in Hagersis the most distinguished. Former dis- town. The one at Sharpsburg has despair. The money he will save by appointments never damp our ardor in become famous because of the part it not having to frequent barber-shops investigating pockets, and if, as rarely played in the battle of Antietam; for may support him in his helpless old happens, our explorations are rewarded it was about this old building that the by the discovery of a store, our faith in | battle raged most fiercely. Here it was the former's possibilities is rendered that the three corps of Hooker, Mans-

generations behind men. The reticu- Jackson's flauk; four generals and lar conveniences, which are a source nearly all the commissioned officers of delight to the latter seem to be quite were slain, and brigades were reduced unappreciated by the former. We to mere handfuls. The walls of the old must confess to the sad truth that church were shattered by shot and women as pouch-bearers are failures.

America; at any rate the more expert a part. professors of it seem to hail from the Old World. A certain Barrington is in the antipodes:

True patriots all, for be it understood, We left our country for our country's good. Students of Dickens will recollect the worthy Fagan instructing his alumni Chinese laborers will not work in the in the art of relieving pockets of their pany has nearly completed a contract or not. The subject of pockets is capable of and cult of its own, this maiden contribution to its literature may not be un-

his little son: "Freddie, you trouble sleepers, with two tiers of berths, the "Well, papa," replied Fred, who had transformed into seats. been trying to climb up on the paternal knee, "well, papa, don't you always take up a collection? Take me up."- a 250-pound man stepped on his foot, Watchman.

MARYLAND DUNKARDS.

Early History and Development of

Religious Society. Dunkard, or Tunker, is a corruption of the German tunken, "to dip" which s applied to a religious denomination which originated in Germany. In the year 1708 Alexander Mack, of Schwartfastnesses we may consign any thing zenau, agreed with a few of his neighbors to meet together and discuss the word of God without reference to exthe pocket rarely intrudes its presence isting creeds. Without being aware on its owner, and its dark recesses form that other denominations held similar an apposite storehouse for the most views, they adopted the Bible as their creed without catechism or confession of faith, and the independent or con-Persons become members by baptism. which is administered by immersion, their name. They do not practice inant baptism, deeming it anti-scriptural. one of the male members of the congrezation to act in the capacity of preacher for one year. They hold revivals twice a year-in the winter and spring -when an ardent enthusiasm is stirred up. There is, however, no shouting in their revivals. Their services are very much like those of other churches.

In their early history, in this country, nearly all the men wore long beards, some over half a yard long; but this was not a requisite to membership. We wonder if he had any glimmering | There are but few now who wear beards of the enormous importance of his in- at all. Their style of dress is odd, not world in this respect. There are members even at the present day who dissome dim apprehension of the worth to | and buttons as entirely too gay, and fasten their coats with hooks and eyes. tions. To the humble inventor of the | They are neither allowed to take an oath nor to engage in war. During the war of the rebellion a number of young Dunkards enlisted in the Union army. Of these some were killed; the survivors: returned and were obliged to answer for it to the church. The Dunkards, were opposed to slavery, and with a strong sentiment that way in the church, the case of these wayward sons was finally satisfactorily settled, none of them being punished.

In addition to these views, they hold t sinful to go to war, or to invoke the aid of civil authorities, even in self-delense. They formerly refused all interest on money, but this regulation has been modified with time, and they now two women similarly supplied on that of the women-one washing the feet and the other wiping them. After the feet-washing they partake of a collation of biscuit, cheese and coffee. This is the love feast, which extends to the length of appeasing the appetite. After eating as much as they wish the sacra-

The Dunkards consisted first of Mack shaped orifice, is an American institu- churches were built, in which their way they take to the hip pocket. The met with similar treatment here or not latter, we maintain, is the summum we are unable to state, but shortly after bonum of marsupial development. It they all emigrated to America. The Next to being without pockets of any established themselves in Western churches and large numbers at the their religious acitivity and zeal. There field and Sumner were completely. In the matter of pockets women are shattered while attempting to turn shell, but they have since been repaired The art of picking pockets we believe and show no marks of the deadly conis better understood in Europe than flict in which they took so conspicuous

Many of the most prominent citizens in Washington County are descended said to be the father of the industry, from old Dunkard families. The Newand many tales are told of his amazing comers, Millers, Weltys, Snivelys, dexterity, which, however, were futile Rohrers, Middlekauffs, Funks and Witto save him from involuntary expatria- mers, were originally members of the tion. This same Barrington was some- Dunkard church. They are still a thing of a poet, and was the author of large and influential denomination, and that famous couplet spoken in the pro- it is a well-known fact that they have logue of the first play ever brought out in one district the wealthiest congregation in the county .- Hagarstown (Md.) Cor. Baltimore American.

-A Philadelphia car-building comcontents and few but will remember the for building 350 cars of various kinds river region, in South America. The road is two hundred miles long, traversing a level plateau similar to the western frontier. Each ear is drawn by three horses, which are changed at stations ten miles apart. The road is operated much cheaper by horse-power than by steam, as coal is \$12 a ton and horses -A clergyman, being busy, said to only \$20 a head. Some of the cars are me this afternoon; you seem like noth- upper one being closed up to the ceiling but a collection of perversities." ing in the daytime, and the lower

> -He said he never had one, but when ne had to acknowledge the corn.

SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

-The grape industry is taking fresh hold in the southern part of New Jer-

-A new wire-sail making machine is capable of turning out 36,000 wirenails per hour.

-Inequality in the pupils of the eyes: has been taken as a symptom of illness, but in 134 healthy persons a Russianphysician has found only twelve with right and left pupils of equal size .-Merchant Traveler. -A telegraph wire is now being

brought out in England in which the steel is made to cover and surround the copper. The wire is said to be drawn from compound metal, consisting of a. hollow ingot of steel filled with copper. -The average weight of the hogs slaughtered in the West during the winter is 7.67 pounds lighter than . year ago. The aggregate production is

equal to 50,597 less than last year at

the same average weights .- Christian

at Work. -Japan grows enormous quantities: of sorghum cane, and large quantities of granulated sugar have been made from it. The product for one year was estimated at 512,000,000 pounds. The principal crop of this country is rice; one-half the entire land under cultivation, it is said, being devoted to its

-A Parisian electrician has devised a mode of utilizing the residual liquids from bichromate and other powerful. batteries. He mixes a porous acid-proof substance with the residual liquids, driesthe paste thus produced, and uses it is a charge for batteries for telegraphic purposes .- Popular Science Monthly.

-Recent delicate scientific experiments, says a writer on earthquakes, have discovered the fact that the surface of the land is never absolutely at rest for more than thirty hours at a time. Thus those great earthquakes which make epochs in history are merely extreme manifestations of forces that

rarely sleep. -While cleanliness is of vast importance as a preventive of disease. there is a tendency on the part of saniitarians to assume that nothing else is necessary. The Lancet declares that every year teaches that many maladies, especially some of those which are communicable, have less to do with filth as a cause than was formerly supposed. Sanitary science, in order to be progressive, must insist upon more than mere cleanliness, important as that is.

-The Sheffield armor plate makers are actively engaged in meeting the new conditions imposed by the increased power of projectiles. One firm has produced an experimental plate which has stubbornly resisted the French shells; and another experimental plate was fired at recently by a-French projectile, with the result that the projectile was broken by the blow and failed to penetrate the plate .-Boston Budget.

-The microphone is now being used in Germany for the purpose of detecting loss of water through leakage in town mains. The apparatus consists of a steel rod, which is placed upon the cock in the neighborhood of which the leak is suspected, and a microphone attached to the upper end of the rod. A dry battery and telephone completes the equipment. No sound is heard in the telephone if the cocks are closed and no leak occurs; but a leak even of a few drops through a badly-fitting cock causes sufficient vibration in the pipe to affect the microphone, and give audible sounds in the telephone. - Electrical Review.

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

-A man can outlive a slander quicker than he can overtake it. - Whitehall Times.

-Woman may be a puzzle, but a man is not willing to give her up .-New Haven News. -A mirror is a friend that a woman

turns her back on when it tells her that she is growing old. -True benevolence is to love all

men. Recompense injury with justice, and kindness with kindness .- Con--The proud have no friends; not in

prosperity, for then they know nobody; and not in adversity, for then no one knows them .- Charron. -The young man who can not raise a mustache should not give up to

-The man who does not think as you do is not always a fool. Of course, the chances are that he isn't so wise as he might be, but then there may be a little loop-hole of escape for him

somewhere. - Somerville Journal. -A baby was found in a lot of garbage in New York the other day, where it had doubtless been hurriedly thrown by its careless mother. Parents can not be too careful about keeping their children washed .- Detroit Free Press.

-Because an acquaintance expresses an opinion which does not jibe with yours, do not lose your temper, my friend, and call him a little fool. It is too much to expect that every fool cancome up to your standard. - Boston: Transcript.

-Mrs. Homespun has a habit of hiding things about the house so successfully that when she goes to look for them she can not for the life of her tell where she stowed them. But she has the satisfaction of feeling that should anybody break in to steal, she would never know whether those things were stolen-

-"Little boys, what are you doing with all that mud?" "Pleath, thir, we's. dess pilin' it up in two big piles." "But what are you going to do with it?" "We's goin' to play editor. Tommy's going to be a 'publican editor an I's goin' to be a democrat editor, an' we's goin' to pelt each other dess as the fortuly editors does."-Chicago News.

-First Omaha Man-"Going away this summer?" Second Omaha Man-"No. Can't afford it." "Rent your house furnished?" "Tried that once. Cost more for repairs than the rent came to." "Then lock it up?" "I tried that once, too. It's too expensive." "Expensive?" "Yes, a gas meter goes like a steam-engine when there is no one to watch it." - Omaha World